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The Honorable Bill Hardiman
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The Honorable Lee Gonzales
House Appropriations Subcommittee
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Michigan House of Representatives
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Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Gonzales:

In accordance with PA 275 of 2008, Section 376, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to provide an update regarding the 17 reinstated Capacity Increase and New Road projects.

While it is important to note the status of the reinstated projects, it is also important to note that project activities continue for many of the projects that remain deferred. When the difficult decision was initially made to delay the development of these critical projects so the additional funding could be made available for necessary trunkline preservation work, many of these projects were in the midst of preconstruction project phases. At that time, MDOT staff were directed to complete ongoing phases to allow the department to pause activities at a logical point in project development.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact either me or Susan Mortel, Director, Bureau of Transportation Planning, at 517-373-0343.

Sincerely,

Kirk T. Steudle
Director

Enclosure

cc: Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation



**FY 2009
MDOT Reinstated Projects
Legislative Update**

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INTRODUCTION:

This briefing provides an update on the status of the seventeen Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) projects which were reinstated in the fall of 2003. This brief has been prepared in accordance with PA 275 of 2008 Section 376. All cost and project status information is current as of February 2009. For each project, the following information has been provided.

Reinstated Projects Key:

- **Active Phase(s):** Provides an update of the current activities which are underway and expected completion date of that phase(s).
- **Reinstated amount:** Identifies the amount of funding reinstated towards the project in the fall of 2003.
- **Reinstated phases:** Identifies the phase toward which the aforementioned funds were reinstated.
- **Project committed through:** Identifies the phase which MDOT has committed to complete.
- **Deferred phase(s) status:** If a project has remaining deferred phases, a reference has also been included.

Phase Definitions:

Early Preliminary Engineering (EPE): Early Preliminary engineering is generally considered the environmental clearance phase. However, in certain instances the department may elect to complete a feasibility study as a precursor to environmental clearance. EPE will also include a portion of the necessary design to help in the evaluation of alternatives and identification of impacts.

Preliminary engineering (PE): Preliminary engineering is defined as the design phase. Early design is utilized to determine impacts and the necessary ROW to construct the project. Final design includes the completion of project plans necessary for the project letting.

Right-of-Way Acquisition (ROW): The acquisition of the necessary property to construct the project.

Construction: The physical construction of the project.

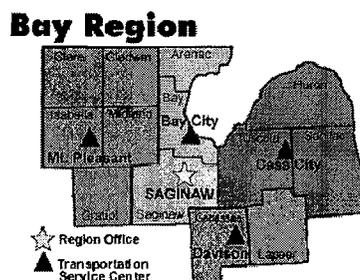
MDOT REINSTATED PROJECTS UPDATE

BAY REGION:

- Project:* **M-84, north of Pierce Road to south of Delta Road, Bay & Saginaw Counties**
- J.N. 31804
- **Active Phase(s):** This project was completed in 2005
 - **Reinstated amount:** Right of way and construction were reinstated for \$13 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Right of way acquisition and construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete

- Project:* **M-24, from Pratt Road to I-69, Lapeer County**
- J.N. 55908
- **Active Phase(s):** This project was completed in 2008. This project reconstructed and widened this portion of M-24 from a 2-lane to 4-lane boulevard.
 - **Reinstated amount:** Right of way and construction were reinstated for \$25 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Right of way acquisition and construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete.
 - **Note – Jobs Today (\$7.5 million) and SAFETEA-LU Earmark (\$800,000) funds were used to construct this project which had a total cost of \$32.2 million.**

- Project:* **US-127 North of St. John's to Ithaca, Clinton and Gratiot Counties**
- J.N. 46269
- **Active Phase(s):** A SAFETEA-LU earmark provided \$4 million for right of way acquisition activities. A Re-evaluation of the previously approved Environmental Impact Statement will be completed in 2009. The 2006 Supplemental Budget Bill allows MDOT to use the \$4 million SAFETEA-LU earmark for right of way after the Re-evaluation of the EIS is completed.
 - **Reinstated amount:** \$4 million for partial right-of-way acquisition.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Partial right of way
 - **Deferred phase(s) status:** \$18.2 million of the original \$22.2 million for partial right of way acquisition is still being deferred to a future Five-Year Program.



METRO REGION:

- Project:* **I-75/I-96, Ambassador Bridge Gateway Project, Detroit**
- J.N. 37795
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- **Active Phase(s):** Construction has been completed on the first three phases of the project, involving road and bridge elements previously approved. The final phase of construction, which includes construction of the mainline freeway and direct plaza access ramps, began in June 2007. This project will also include construction of a signature pedestrian bridge connecting East and West Mexicantown across I-75/I-96, along with extensive landscaping and architectural treatments as part of the context sensitive design. Total construction, including landscaping, is scheduled to be completed in 2010 with the freeway scheduled to be opened to traffic in December 2009. It will likely be completed early.
 - **Reinstated amount:** \$45 million was reinstated in 2003. The funding provided was the additional amount necessary to complete the overall project at the time the project was reinstated. Subsequently, costs have increased due to various changes and delays. It is estimated that the cost to complete this project is approximately \$175 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Right of way acquisition and construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction
- Project:* **M-53 Interchange, Van Dyke to M-53, City of Sterling Heights, Macomb County**
- J.N. 47197
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction of new interchange ramps to a local widening of 18-1/2 Mile Road has been completed.
 - **Reinstated amount:** Construction was reinstated for \$10.4 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete
- Project:* **I-96 / Beck Road Interchange, Novi**
- J.N. 60074
60082
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction of this single point urban interchange is complete.
 - **Reinstated amount:** Construction was reinstated for \$46 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Right of way acquisition and construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete
- Project:* **I-696 / Franklin Road Interchange, Southfield**
- J.N. 54301
54303
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction was completed in 2007.
 - **Reinstated amount:** Construction was reinstated for \$20.45 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete

Project: **M-59 / Adams Road Interchange, Rochester Hills**

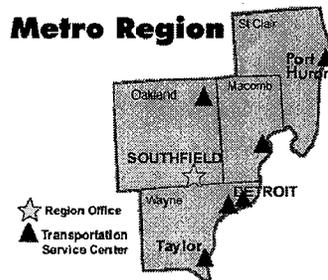
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- **Active Phase(s):** Construction of this project was completed and opened to traffic in June, 2005.
- **Reinstated amount:** Construction was reinstated for \$18 million.
- **Reinstated phases:** Right of way acquisition and construction
- **Project committed through:** Construction is complete

Project: **I-75, at Crooks Road and Long Lake Road, Troy**

J.N. 49565
84872

- **Active Phase(s):** The city of Troy has passed resolutions withdrawing support for the original interchange modification design. Subsequently, MDOT has completed an evaluation of operational improvements at the ramp terminals with Crooks Road.
- **Reinstated amount:** The design phase was reinstated for \$4 million and some of this was used for the design of the larger interchange modification project before it was suspended. A remaining \$1.265 million is being used for the operational analysis, and any remaining funds from this amount will be applied to the costs of the proposed operational improvements.
- **Reinstated phases:** Design (right of way acquisition is to be provided locally)
- **Project committed through:** Environmental clearance, design and construction. Construction funding for interchange operational-type improvements will be considered pending the provision of right-of-way by the city of Troy.



GRAND REGION:

Project:

I-196 /Chicago Drive (Baldwin Street) Interchange, Grand Rapids

J.N. 46274

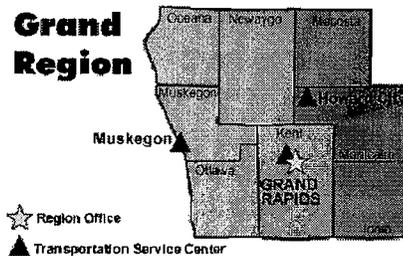
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction is underway and will be completed in 2009. The westbound off ramp is open to traffic.
- **Reinstated amount:** \$49.8 million was provided for design, right of way and construction activities from Jobs Today and SAFETEA LU.
- **Reinstated phases:** Design, right of way, construction
- **Project committed through:** Construction

Project:

I-96 / 36th Street Interchange, Grand Rapids

J.N. 45271

- **Active Phase(s):** Construction was completed in October 2006.
- **Reinstated amount:** \$20.4 million.
- **Reinstated phases:** Design, right of way and construction
- **Project committed through:** Construction is complete.



SOUTHWEST REGION:

Project: **US-131, State Line to Lockport Twp., St. Joseph County**

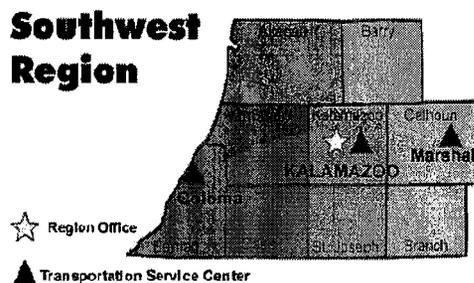
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- **Active Phase(s):** The 2006 State Supplemental Transportation Bill directed \$31 million to be used to build a Constantine bypass. Design and right of way acquisition are ongoing. Construction is scheduled for 2012.
- **Reinstated amount:** \$31 million.
- **Reinstated phases:** Early preliminary engineering, design, right of way and construction
- **Project committed through:** Construction
- **Deferred Phase(s):** None

Project: **US-31, Napier to I-94, Berrien County**

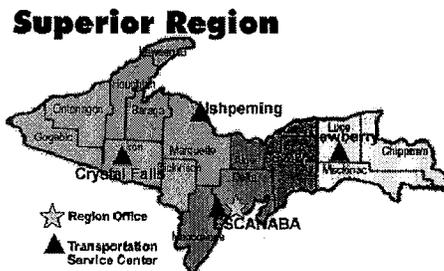
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- **Active Phase(s):** Environmental clearance was obtained from FHWA in 2004. The design is complete and partial right of way activities will continue in 2009.
- **Reinstated amount:** \$11.5 million.
- **Reinstated phases:** Design, and partial right of way acquisition
- **Project committed through:** Construction
- **Deferred Phase(s):** The construction phase of this project has been deferred to a future Five-Year Program. An additional \$7 million in funding will be needed for the completion of right of way acquisition.



SUPERIOR REGION:

- Project:* **US-2, Washington to Michigan Ave. in Iron Mountain**
- J.N. 55775*
- **Active Phase(s):** Construction was completed in 2005. This project widened this segment of US-2 to a five-lane facility.
 - **Reinstated amount:** \$7.5 million.
 - **Reinstated phases:** Right of way acquisition and construction
 - **Project committed through:** Construction is complete.



UNIVERSITY REGION:

- Project:* **M-59, East of I-96 to Michigan, Livingston County**
- J.N. 55918
48762*
- **Active Phase(s):** Environmental clearance was obtained in 2005. Design and right of way acquisition for the segment of M-59 from east of I-96 to Michigan Avenue was completed in 2006. Road construction for this segment is complete. Design of a Type I Noise wall east of Tooley is under way.
 - **Reinstated amount:** The Jobs Today initiative provided \$35.3 million
 - **Reinstated phases:** Design, right of way acquisition, and construction.
 - **Project committed through:** Construction
 - **Deferred Phase(s):** Construction of the segment of M-59 from east of Michigan Avenue to old US-23 is deferred to a future Five Year Program.

